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R. I. EMPLOYMENT DECLINES BY 1,000 IN FEBRUARY TO 391,700

Data reported by Rhode Island employers in February indicates continuing seasonal cutbacks in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing jobs, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

Preliminary estimates, prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, show that 391,700 men and women were employed in Rhode Island in mid-February. The monthly comparison shows a 1,000 job reduction, while over a one-year period, a gain of 900 jobs is evident.

NONMANUFACTURING

February job losses were concentrated in the Retail Trade sector, offset in large measure by gains in Services, as the number of nonmanufacturing jobs in the State dropped by 500 in the month to 266,000. This figure represents a gain, however, of 4,300 jobs over the February data of one year ago.

Retail Trade establishments continued their post-holiday decline with a monthly loss of 800 workers. Department Stores showed the largest monthly decline, with smaller downturns recorded in Food Stores, Apparel Shops, Auto Dealers and Gas Stations, and Miscellaneous Retail outlets. Still, the Trade sector, overall, shows a 1,400 job increase when compared to February of last year.

Contract Construction continued its seasonal decline, posting a lower than normal 200 job loss over the month, to a level of 11,100, still slightly higher than the 10,900 of one year ago, however.

Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,100 in mid-February, and the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sector, at 20,700, each showed losses of 100

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TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

The Revenue Act of 1978 allows Rhode Island employers to add to their work force and get a tax break at the same time when workers are hired from seven "targeted" groups. The tax credit can total up to half of the first $6,000 in wages paid to such workers during their first full year on the job. The program is called the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit.

All private employers in a trade or business can take advantage of the tax credit. It is an incentive to hire people who normally have trouble finding jobs.

The "target groups" are:

- Handicapped persons referred from vocational rehabilitation programs or the VA.
- Youth 18 through 24 in economically-disadvantaged families.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients.
- Vietnam-era veterans under 35 who are economically-disadvantaged.
- General assistance recipients over 30 days.
- Youth 16 through 18 in cooperative education programs.
- Ex-offenders who are economically disadvantaged and who are hired within 5 years of conviction or prison release.

The process is a simple one. When the worker applies for a job, he or she presents a voucher. When you hire the worker, you answer a few questions on the voucher and mail it back to your local Job Service office. Job Service, in turn, sends you a certification form on each worker. The form provides all the evidence you need to claim the tax credit. You claim the tax credit by filing IRS Form 5884 with your federal income tax return.

For further information about the TJTC program, call 277-3726 or contact the nearest office of the R. I. Job Service listed on the last page of this Bulletin. To list job orders, call the TJTC Job Bank at 277-6950.

JOB SERVICE — EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Total Placements	1,709	1,614	1,713
New Applications	4,908	5,031	5,390
New Openings Received	2,654	2,430	2,548

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	% Change from Jan.
Initial Claims	12,454	14,641	— 14.9
No. of Payments	83,556	99,759	— 16.2
Amt.of Payments	$7,795,472	$9,031,288	— 13.7
Exhaustions	1,499	1,534	— 2.3

EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM

Statistics for the Extended Benefits Program, the cost of which is shared by the State and the Federal Government, are presented below:

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	% Change from Jan.
Initial Claims	1,729	2,078	— 16.8
No. of Payments	15,546	16,745	— 7.2
Amt.of Payments	$1,394,789	$1,608,377	— 13.3

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed
FEBRUARY 1981

	Number	Percent
Sex and Age		
TOTAL	23,184	100.0
Men	14,313	61.7
Under 45	10,181	71.1
45 and over	4,132	28.9
Women	8,871	38.3
Under 45	5,262	59.3
45 and over	3,609	40.7
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,727	20.4
Manufacturing	8,627	37.2
Public Utilities	942	4.1
Trade	2,653	11.4
Finance-Insurance-Real Estate	522	2.3
Service	2,363	10.6
All Other	3,350	14.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,305	9.9
Clerical and Sales	2,900	12.5
Service	1,391	6.0
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	927	4.0
Processing	869	3.7
Machine Trades	2,117	9.1
Bench Work	3,857	16.6
Structural Work	4,915	21.2
Miscellaneous	2,522	10.9
Not Available	1,381	6.0

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	456.7	461.1	449.6
Unemployment	36.4	28.6	34.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.9	6.2	7.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	NA	NA	NA

NA Denotes Not Available

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	29,530	29,905	27,460
Unemployment	2,275	1,730	2,020
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.7	5.8	7.4

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	13,915	13,735	12,425
Unemployment	1,145	860	895
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.2	6.3	7.2

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1981. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
East Providence
Johnston
Narragansett
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Net Change From Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Weekly Hours Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980	Hourly Earnings Feb. 1981	Feb. 1980
ALL MANUFACTURING	125.7	126.2	129.1	— 500	— 3400	$235.82	$213.49	39.7	39.1	$5.94	$5.46
DURABLE GOODS	56.2	55.7	56.8	+ 500	— 600	269.21	246.00	41.1	41.0	6.55	6.00
LUMBER-FURNITURE	2.2	2.1	2.1	+ 100	+ 100	219.52	208.13	39.2	37.1	5.60	5.61
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.7	2.8	2.9	— 100	— 200	316.68	283.18	43.5	45.6	7.28	6.21
PRIMARY METALS	8.0	7.9	8.5†	+ 100	— 500	297.62	268.76	45.3	43.7	6.57	6.15
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.2	9.9	+ 100	— 600	225.20	210.53	38.3	38.7	5.88	5.44
NON-ELEC.MACHINERY	9.4	9.6	9.4	— 200	0	321.56	299.38	42.2	43.2	7.62	6.93
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.2	10.9	11.8	+ 300	— 600	218.86	199.12	38.6	38.0	5.67	5.24
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	8.4	8.3	6.8	+ 100	+ 1600	301.49	274.86	41.7	40.6	7.23	6.77
INSTRUMENTS	5.0	4.9	5.4	+ 100	— 400	252.35	232.68	40.9	42.0	6.17	5.54
NONDURABLE GOODS	69.5	70.5	72.3	—1000	— 2800	210.14	188.38	38.7	37.6	5.43	5.01
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.1	3.5	+ 100	— 300	223.17	187.82	34.6	33.6	6.45	5.59
TEXTILES	12.2	12.1	12.7	+ 100	— 500	220.70	203.35	41.8	41.5	5.28	4.90
APPAREL	3.6	3.5	3.5	+ 100	+ 100	210.91	178.48	41.6	39.4	5.07	4.53
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.9	2.9	— 200	— 200	235.98	215.13	41.4	40.9	5.70	5.26
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.6	5.3	+ 200	+ 500	273.80	288.08	36.9	39.9	7.42	7.22
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	296.72	278.31	39.3	38.6	7.55	7.21
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3††	1.7	1.6	— 400	— 300	257.51	209.22	41.4	39.7	6.22	5.27
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.1	5.4	+ 100	— 200	235.39	208.29	40.1	38.5	5.87	5.41
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.8	3.1	3.2	— 300	— 400	157.13	124.20	37.5	34.5	4.19	3.60
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.6	24.6	25.2	—1000	— 1600	178.49	159.71	36.5	35.1	4.89	4.55
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.0	5.7	5.9	+ 300	+ 100	198.14	176.60	38.4	37.1	5.16	4.76

† Labor Dispute †† Plant Closing

1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY.
ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.
COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S.BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
January 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	NEW HIRES Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	QUITS Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980	LAY-OFF RATES Jan. 1981	Dec. 1980	Jan. 1980
MANUFACTURING	5.9	2.4	5.6	2.1	1.6	3.4	6.1	5.8	6.4	1.6	1.4	2.3	3.3	3.6	3.0
DURABLE GOODS	4.7	1.7	5.0	2.0	1.2	3.2	3.8	3.8	4.3	1.3	0.8	1.8	1.6	2.4	1.6
Primary Metals	3.0	1.7	3.4	1.5	1.1	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.7	1.3	1.0	1.5	0.5	1.5	0.3
Fabricated Metals	5.7	1.6	4.3	2.5	1.2	3.4	5.9	2.1	4.6	1.8	0.9	2.2	3.1	0.5	1.5
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.7	1.2	3.3	0.9	0.8	1.7	2.0	1.1	4.0	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.2	2.2
Electrical Mach.	8.8	2.7	5.0	2.6	1.7	4.0	3.8	8.0	5.6	1.9	1.4	2.8	1.1	5.9	1.8
Instruments-Optical	1.5	1.6	4.6	1.0	1.2	3.5	3.4	1.9	2.2	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	4.7	1.8	8.1	2.8	1.0	4.2	4.3	4.7	4.3	1.2	0.5	1.7	1.9	3.7	1.7
NONDUR. GOODS	6.9	3.0	6.1	2.1	1.9	3.5	7.9	7.3	7.9	1.9	1.8	2.7	4.6	4.5	4.2
Food-Beverage	5.6	2.5	14.3	1.1	1.5	10.3	5.9	15.1	9.5	2.1	6.7	7.4	1.2	4.9	1.1
Textiles	4.5	3.9	4.7	2.6	2.4	3.5	5.8	4.1	5.0	1.4	1.4	2.3	3.3	1.4	1.5
Apparel	7.5	5.1	10.3	2.5	1.1	4.3	9.7	9.7	4.7	2.1	0.7	1.8	4.2	8.0	2.1
Paper & Allied Prod.	11.9	4.6	7.6	3.2	1.4	4.1	5.4	9.5	7.0	2.1	1.2	3.4	1.6	7.7	2.8
Rubber & Plas.Prod.	5.4	3.1	4.0	2.4	2.1	2.5	4.5	8.6	2.9	2.1	1.2	1.6	0.9	5.5	0.4
Jewelry & Silverware	3.1	1.4	4.3	1.8	1.0	3.3	11.7	6.0	11.9	1.8	1.3	2.2	9.1	3.9	9.0
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	15.0	3.8	8.4	2.0	3.1	2.5	5.8	11.1	6.6	2.1	2.1	3.0	1.6	8.4	1.4

* RATES FOR JANUARY 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR DECEMBER 1980 AND JANUARY 1980 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

** INCLUDES: PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	391.7	392.7	390.8	− 1,000	+ 900
MANUFACTURING	125.7	126.2	129.1	− 500	− 3,400
NONMANUFACTURING	266.0	266.5	261.7	− 500	+ 4,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.1	11.3	10.9	− 200	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.1	13.2	12.9 †	− 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	79.4	80.2	78.0	− 800	+ 1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	20.7	20.8	20.6	− 100	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	82.3	81.7	79.8 †	+ 600	+ 2,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	59.4	59.3	59.5	+ 100	− 100

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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over the month, with respective yearly gains of 200 and 100 jobs.

In the Services industries, a gain of 600 jobs was reported, reaching a level of 82,300, and reflecting a yearly gain of 2,500 jobs. Business Services and Private Education led the monthly job increases, while other sectors reported only marginal gains.

Government payrolls increased by 100 workers over the month, to 59,400 - about the same as last year. Gains in State and Local Education payrolls were mostly counterbalanced by declines in the Federal and Municipal non-educational payrolls.

MANUFACTURING

Current estimates show the number of workers in manufacturing establishments declined by 500 in mid-February to 125,700. The Durable Goods sector totaled 56,200, up 500 jobs in the month but down 600 over the year. In Nondurable Goods, the jobs total of 69,500 shows a loss of 1,000 workers in the month and represents a decline of 2,800 over the one-year period.

In Durable Goods, only the Stone, Clay and Glass (−100) and Non-electrical Machinery (−200) segments showed losses, to level of 2,700 and 9,400, respectively. All other Durable Goods segments reported job gains over the month, led by Electrical Machinery firms with a gain of 300 to 11,200.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, down 1,000 jobs to 69,500 in mid-February, seven of the eleven major industry segments showed little or no significant month-to-month change. Jewelry/Silverware declined to a level of 23,600 after losing 1,000 jobs over the month. Rubber Products firms showed a decline of 400 jobs to 1,300 in mid-February, entirely attributable to a single plant shutdown, and Leather Products establishments lost 300 jobs, in a general downturn, to a level of 2,800. Miscellaneous Manufacturing firms, on the other hand, reported a gain of 300 jobs in the month, bringing the total for these industries to 6,000.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Gross average hourly earnings for production and related workers in manufacturing establishments rose by 4 cents an hour in the month and by 48 cents over the twelve-month period. Average weekly hours worked or paid were also higher for the month (+.2 hours) and year (+.6 hours). Average weekly earnings for manufacturing workers stood at $235.82 in mid-February - up $2.77 in the month and $22.33 over the year.

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1981	Jan. 1981	Feb. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	462.9	459.5	453.8
Unemployment	40.2	37.1	36.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	8.7	8.1	8.1
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	7.6	7.3	7.3

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